# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: GENERIC PHARMACEUTICALS PRICING ANTITRUST LITIGATION

MDL 2724 16-MD-2724

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## PRETRIAL ORDER NO. 123

# (SECOND AMENDED CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER AND DISCOVERY SCHEDULE)

AND NOW, this 27th day of April 2020, upon consideration of the attached stipulation of counsel, submitted on behalf of their respective parties in the MDL to Extend Certain Pretrial Discovery Deadlines ("Stipulation"), it is hereby **ORDERED** that the Stipulation is **APPROVED**. The deadlines previously provided in Pretrial Order Nos. 105 and 110 are hereby **AMENDED** as set forth by the parties in the Stipulation.

It is so **ORDERED**.

BY THE COURT:	
/s/ Cynthia M. Rufe	
CYNTHIA M. RUFE. J	_

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#### JOINT STIPULATION TO EXTEND CERTAIN PRETRIAL DISCOVERY DEADLINES

WHEREAS the Court entered a Case Management Order and Discovery Schedule on October 24, 2019 (Pretrial Order No. 105, ECF 1135) setting forth certain deadlines for the management of and discovery schedule for cases pending in the MDL as of September 1, 2019 (and, for the avoidance of doubt, the deadlines set forth in PTO 105 did not and do not apply to discovery relating to cases that were not pending as of September 1, 2019);

WHEREAS the Court extended certain of the deadlines in PTO 105 when it entered Pretrial Order No. 110, ECF 1179 (together, PTO 105 and 110 are referred to herein as the "CMO");

**WHEREAS** the parties in the MDL have engaged in substantial ongoing efforts since the CMO's entry to complete discovery within the deadlines provided therein;

WHEREAS the parties have discussed, in light of the significant uncertainties presented by COVID-19, the amount of discovery produced and remaining to be produced, and the pending objections to Special Master David H. Marion's Third Report and Recommendation Relating to Bellwether Selection (MDL Doc. No. 1244), that an extension to, or in some instances temporary vacation of, certain deadlines provided in the CMO is warranted;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is jointly stipulated and agreed by and among the parties, through their undersigned liaison counsel:

- A. Certain CMO deadlines should be vacated at this time, as outlined in paragraph D below. By vacating certain deadlines now, the parties hope to avoid having to seek multiple deadline amendments in the future. The parties agree to meet and confer to establish new proposed deadlines, subject to Court approval, and to submit their agreed or competing proposals to the Special Master no later than September 1, 2020, except that new proposed deadlines for Section 5(c) of the CMO shall be negotiated and submitted to the Special Master as soon as practicable.
- **B.** For document productions pursuant to Sections 3 and 7 of the CMO, the parties agree, starting May 1, 2020 (or, for the States and IRPs, on such date as is agreed with Defendants) and monthly thereafter until their document productions are completed, the parties will provide reports reflecting the status of their respective document productions. Defendants agree to include in their reports the total number of custodial documents hitting on the agreed search terms (including families), the total number of custodial documents produced to date and the approximate total number of custodial documents that remain subject to review and (potentially) production. Defendants agree to include a column that tracks, for each Defendant, the approximate total number of Tier 1 custodial documents that remain subject to review and (potentially) production. The form of Plaintiffs' reports regarding document productions pursuant to Section 7 of the CMO will be negotiated with Defendants.
- C. No later than <u>July 1, 2020</u> the Defendants will meet and confer with each of the Plaintiff States to discuss the progress each State has made with respect to completing production of custodial and go-get documents in light of the demands upon the States as a result of dealing with the public health emergencies in their State arising from COVID-19, with the goal of reaching

negotiated timeframes on or before August 3, 2020, subject to Court approval, for substantial completion of each State's production. If a State is unable to commit to a date for substantial completion of custodial and go-get document production for their State by <u>August 3, 2020</u>, Defendants and the State in question will bring the matter to the Special Masters for further discussion.

**D.** The parties further agree to extend and vacate certain deadlines set forth in the CMO as follows:

#### 3. DISCOVERY OF DEFENDANTS' CUSTODIAL FILES

<u>Section 3(d)</u>: The deadline provided herein for substantial completion of custodial document productions shall be extended to <u>November 16, 2020</u>, provided that Defendants shall use best efforts to substantially complete production of documents from the files of all Tier 1 custodians by <u>September 1, 2020</u>. Document productions shall proceed on a rolling basis. The deadline for service of privilege logs is hereby **VACATED** and shall be established by future Court Order as provided in paragraph A above.

<u>Section 3(e)(iii)</u>: The deadlines provided herein are hereby **VACATED** and shall be established by future Court Order as provided in paragraph A above.

#### 4. DISCOVERY OF DEFENDANTS' TARGETED DOCUMENTS

<u>**4(b)(ii)</u>**: The deadline provided herein is hereby **VACATED** and shall be established by future Court Order as provided in paragraph A above.</u>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A limited exception to these deadlines applies to certain newly added defendants—Greenstone LLC, Pfizer Inc., Amneal Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and Amneal Pharmaceuticals LLC—which were named in this MDL for the first time in the States' May 2019 complaint. The States and these newly added defendants will continue to negotiate the discovery deadlines applicable to these defendants.

 $\underline{4(c)}$ : The deadline provided for raising disputes about documents identified in ¶¶ 4(a)(ii) and (iii) of the CMO with the Special Masters is hereby **VACATED** and shall be established by future Court Order as provided in paragraph A above.

 $\underline{4(d)}$ : The deadline provided herein for substantial completion of the production of documents identified in  $\P$  4(a)(ii) and (iii) of the CMO is hereby **VACATED** and shall be established by future Court Order as provided in paragraph A above. The deadline to produce privilege logs related to those documents identified in  $\P$  4(a)(ii) and (iii) of the CMO is hereby **VACATED** and shall be established by future Court Order as provided in paragraph A above.

 $\underline{4(e)(iii)}$ : The deadlines provided herein for requests for clawbacks related to those documents identified in  $\P$  4(a)(ii) and (iii) of the CMO are hereby **VACATED** and shall be established by future Court Order as provided in paragraph A above.

# 5. DEFENDANTS' TRANSACTIONAL DATA, COST INFORMATION AND RELATED DOCUMENTS

<u>**5(b)**</u>: The deadlines provided herein are hereby **VACATED**.

<u>**5(c)**</u>: The deadlines provided herein are hereby **VACATED** and shall be established by future Court Order as provided in paragraph A above.

#### 7. PLAINTIFFS' DOCUMENT PRODUCTIONS AND TRANSACTIONAL DATA

7(c): The production deadline provided herein shall be extended to November 16, 2020 for the Private Plaintiffs. Document productions shall proceed on a rolling basis. The production deadline herein for the States is hereby **VACATED** and shall be established by future Court Order as provided in paragraphs A and C above. The deadline for service of privilege logs is hereby **VACATED** and shall be established by future Court Order as provided in paragraph A above.

## 8. FACT DEPOSITIONS

**8(a):** The deadline provided herein is hereby **VACATED** and shall be established by future Court Order as provided in paragraph A above.

**8(c):** The deadline provided herein is hereby **VACATED** and shall be established by future Court Order as provided in paragraph A above.

## 10. MERITS EXPERT DEPOSITIONS

<u>10(a)</u>: The deadlines provided herein are hereby **VACATED** and shall be established by future Court Order as provided in paragraph A above.

<u>**10(b)**</u>: The deadlines provided herein are hereby **VACATED** and shall be established by future Court Order as provided in paragraph A above.

<u>10(c)</u>: The deadline provided herein is hereby **VACATED** and shall be established by future Court Order as provided in paragraph A above.

## 11. CLASS CERTIFICATION AND RELATED DAUBERT MOTIONS

<u>11(a)</u>: The deadline provided herein is hereby **VACATED** and shall be established by future Court Order as provided in paragraph A above.

<u>11(b)</u>: The deadline provided herein is hereby **VACATED** and shall be established by future Court Order as provided in paragraph A above.

<u>11(c)</u>: The deadline provided herein is hereby **VACATED** and shall be established by future Court Order as provided in paragraph A above.

<u>11(d)</u>: The deadline provided herein is hereby **VACATED** and shall be established by future Court Order as provided in paragraph A above.

<u>11(e)</u>: The deadline provided herein is hereby **VACATED** and shall be established by future Court Order as provided in paragraph A above.

It is further jointly stipulated and agreed by and among the parties, through their undersigned liaison counsel, that all other deadlines and/or obligations imposed by the CMO that are not extended or amended herein shall remain in effect.

#### It is so **STIPULATED**.

Dated: April 24, 2020

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